

Public Statement to the Town Board - September 15, 2026

Speaker: Janet Zuckerman-Bora

Address: ■■■ Damask Drive

Good evening, members of the Board.

I am here tonight to express my opposition to the formalization of the trail and access point at the end of Lace Lane, which connects our neighborhood, Calico Colony, to the Clifton Commons. As a resident whose property borders the Commons, and also sits directly by a neighborhood access point, I am concerned about the lack of demonstrated need for this project, the lack of community process, and the direct impacts on our neighborhood.

While the Clifton Commons and Calico Colony have historically enjoyed a relationship as mutual neighbors, our neighborhood pre-dates the Commons. Access between our community and the Commons should remain informal and focus on the localized needs of Calico Colony residents. The Commons should stand on its own, supplying adequate parking and facilities for its users within its own borders, rather than encouraging access through our neighborhood.

To address these concerns, I respectfully request that the Board consider the following questions before making any decisions:

Planning

- **Is there a demonstrated need for this project?** Why is a formalized trail necessary at this location? What is wrong with maintaining the current, informal grassy access?
- **Studies & Data:** Was any formal planning study or assessment conducted to justify this change?
- **Impact Evaluation:** Did any of the project planning analyze the specific impacts formalizing this trail will have on the Calico Colony community?
- **Future Scope:** Are there any future plans to formalize additional access points or areas connecting our neighborhood to the Commons?

Process

- **Community Notification:** Why weren't the neighbors and directly adjacent property owners notified, consulted, or included in the discussion before this project moved forward?

Impacts

- **Neighborhood Safety & Traffic:** Have you evaluated the impacts a formalized access point will have on our community, specifically regarding increased vehicular traffic, neighborhood parking, and overall safety?

Thank you for your time and for consideration of these community concerns. I look forward to learning of the Board's response to these questions.